

OCEAN VIEW  
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TOPIC: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - DRAFT RELEASE & PRESENTATION

Ocean View, DE Dec 2, 2019 –

The Town of Ocean View, DE held a launch event at its Town Hall – Titled Comp Plan and Cookies on December 2nd. The event drew a full house of interested residents who were able to view work boards from the Town’s many outreach events that molded the 102 pages of its 2020 draft Comprehensive Plan update. Additionally, and with the holiday season in mind cookies and hot chocolate were shared in advance to a slide presentation by representatives from the Towns consulting firm AECOM followed by a question and answer period. Town Manager Carol Houck and Planning and Development Director Ken Cimino shared thoughts and responded to questions including their engagement with state agencies and surrounding towns. This met with praise from those in attendance. “Planning and Development Director Ken Cimino and I engaged DART earlier this year and visited areas in Town to show them firsthand opportunities for improved transit in our community. Certain questions in our survey were included at their request which will now lead to additional follow-up, said Town Manager Houck”.

Key take-aways from the nearly yearlong effort include details such as:

- The Town is transitioning to a “mature community” which will need to focus more on becoming a more Complete community/streets – open to addressing the needs of all and used by everyone (bikers, walkers, cars and trucks).
- Ocean View is nearing its built-out stage and will now need to focus more on quality of life and continued beautification efforts. This item supports the overwhelming message that additional large planned communities are not desired.
- Active adult exercise and engagement opportunities should be explored with a strong support for additional open space/town center gathering space availability.
- Strong support for a pilot shuttle effort to get townspeople to locations of interest – not just the beach.
- Continued commitment to Town sponsored events that showcase family and fun activities and the towns history are desired.
- Ocean View is encouraged to initiate a multi-town/county/state effort to cohesively address reduction of traffic along the Route 26 corridor. To this end the Town has already engaged DART and follow-up is underway.

Consultant Kyle Gulbranson (AECOM) shared “the public outreach extended to the community in Ocean View was unsurpassed in their experience and wouldn’t have been so successful without the hands-on engagement of the Town staff.” Further, Gulbranson outlined all the activities offered and the level of participation. Town residents expressed appreciation for the number of opportunities and the staff’s

efforts to keep them aware and involved. Of specific note was how engaged and knowledgeable the residents of the town were during the process. Planning and Development Director Ken Cimino remarked that “he appreciated and wants to continue the exchange ideas that have been shared with him during the process and encourages the Town’s residents to stay engaged and involved in all of our efforts to improve the community”.

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